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Sir

I am greatly concerned to see that the Coast Guard wants to implement a new rule (46 CFR 4.03-2) requiring uninspected commercial vessels to carry alcohol testing devises on board.

I fail to see why a vessel owner should bear the expense and responsibility of an unspecified device used to test for alcohol use. Who would be qualified to administer this test or make sure that the results would not be compromised?

On land the police have this equipment, the training to use it and interpret the results.

If the Coast Guard is going to do this job on the water then it should be their responsibility to have the equipment and training to do the job properly.

Sincerely



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